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CHAPTER IX.

THE INN AT ONTRO.

HAD the scene of the plot we have pictured been in Denesilia instead of Paris it is doubtful if the brother of the ruling prince would have openly associated with creatures so low in the human scale as Vandal, Reber and Robello.

But Casparin was in Paris. His relationship to the noble prince was unknown except to the few rascals he had employed to do his work, and his own tastes were so near like those of Vandal and his associates that he found it not only convenient, but a source of pleasure, to be with them in their orgies as well as in their serious plottings.

It was therefore a quartet well pleased with its own component parts that rolled toward the house of Mme. du Barry that evening after they had enjoyed the treat promised by Casparin.

Of the four Casparin was the nearest sober. Reber and Robello, never having had the money to indulge in such roistering as Vandal lived in and Casparin loved, were the drunkest. Between them Vandal swung, and a drunken, owllike solemnity of countenance which would have been comical if the countenance had been intellectual. As it was, it was merely beastly.

"For one I am tired out," grumbled Reber, staggering up against Vandal and cursing him for not walking straight. "I am going to bed."

"Not quite yet," replied Vandal. "Do you forget the job we have on hand tonight? The body of the American must be got rid of."

"Yes," said Casparin. "That is why I came home with you. I must see that disposed of. We must have no bad breaks now. My brother is gone, and we must start within a few days."

"The sooner the better," said Vandal. "I shall not be sorry to earn that reward."

"Nor I!" "Nor I!" added Reber and Robello.

"I have been thinking about that fellow up stairs there," said Casparin. "The police now have convinced themselves—brilliant police—that the American who escaped from the Palais de Justice murdered the American who helped him out. A little study would show them how absurd that theory is, but we are fortunate in having police to deal with who do not study. But now, if they find the body of this American in the same place as the other, or if they find it at all, what will be the result? They will know at once that both Americans have fallen among those who wished them out of the way. We do not wish to court an investigation now. We must hide that fellow where he will not be found."

"As to that, we could have done it before," said Vandal. "We can bury him in the cellar. But you had other plans."

"Yes, I know I did. I thought it would puzzle the police in a different way. I did not think they would prove so stupid as they seem now. It is better to leave them in their stupid error than to stir the mess all up again."

"Agreed," said Vandal.

"I agree!" "I agree!" said Reber and Robello.

This delightful quartet reached the house of Mme. du Barry and stood outside looking stupidly at it—all but Casparin, who knew little of the place—at the windows, which were darkened, but which were usually ablaze with light till nearly morning.

"What is wrong here?" muttered Vandal. "Mme. du Barry must be ill. The house looks like a funeral."

"It will be a place of a funeral soon," chuckled Reber. "That chap I found on the bridge! Ho, ho! He didn't know what was good for him. But, after all, what is the difference between the cellar of madame's house and the Seine?"

"Yes, what?" added Robello.

"Shut up," said Vandal roughly. "I tell you I don't like this. It means something."

Vandal, being a favorite of madame's and having use for her convenient house sometimes when she was out, carried a key. He opened the door. The hall was dimly lighted. A servant sat nodding in the hall.

"Hello, François! What is this? Where is madame?" asked Vandal.

François looked up sleepily.

"I don't know, monsieur," he said. "I have not seen madame since she went this morning to lie down with her headache. She is out, so much I know, for the cook, who was coming from the markets, saw her leave the house."

"And did she leave no word with any one?"

"Not a word, monsieur."

"That is strange. Well, sit up for madame. We are going up stairs. In a short time you may hear us moving about. We may even bring our own wine from the cellar. There will be no need of attending us. Do you understand?"

"I understand, monsieur."

François did more than understand. He rejoiced, for he was sleepy.

The four passed on up stairs. They entered the room in which they had held the conference overheard by Buckford.

"Get a light, Reber, while I unlock this door," said Vandal.

"Pouf!" muttered Reber, [illegible] got that thing out of there. Pouf! And it is not so very hot either."

"Yes, it is high time," said Robello.

Reber having found a lamp and lighted it, Vandal took his key from his pocket and opened the door. He stepped in with the lamp. The others followed him.

Vandal stood, with the lamp raised above his head. The other three stood grouped around him gazing stupidly at him and at each other. Casparin was the first to recover his speech.

"There is something wrong here," he said. "Some one has removed the body!"

"Impossible!" blurted out Vandal. "None but Reber and myself have the keys."

"You are surely mistaken. The door was locked. Look! Has it been tampered with?"

Vandal handed the lamp to Reber and examined the door and lock.

"It is in order," he said. "I do not understand this. I swear I do not."

"Some one certainly has access to this room," said Casparin. "You told me you two held the keys."

"[illegible] of myself [illegible] I put [illegible] the back, [illegible] As I live, [illegible] that will on [illegible]"

"[illegible] mystery. We left [illegible] here. He is [illegible] upon the door."

"And we thought he was getting [illegible]," said Reber. "[illegible]"

"That is [illegible] mystery!" said Vandal. "The window was locked on the inside. [illegible] has managed [illegible] open and take [illegible] American."

Casparin [illegible] a long, low whistling [illegible].

"I [illegible] with delight," he said. "I came from Denesilia to find men who were quick and shrewd in planning. I thought the French could excel in that. Why, we have plowmen in Denesilia who are better."

"What do you think, then?" asked Vandal.

"What do I think? My God! Are you still in the dark? What do I think? I know. The man you left in here was not dead. He recovered consciousness, climbed out of that window and made his escape. We now have him against us and at liberty. We might better have left him in the Palais de Justice. There was no certainty he would be believed."

"He must have escaped," said Vandal, having a thought only for the disaster.

"He must have escaped. Yes, he must [illegible] have gone out of the window," said Reber and Robello.

"And of course, since you are so wise, you gentlemen," said Casparin, "you can associate his escape and the disappearance of your Mme. du Barry with each other."

"No, no! Surely not!" said Vandal.

"Surely yes! Was her room not under this?"

"Her room is there."

"Her room no longer, my friend. I fear you will find the lady in her room. It was not Mme. du Barry the cook saw leaving, but the American dressed in the lady's clothes."

At this a horrified cry came from Vandal, and he rushed for the door. He led the way and the others followed him to the floor below. The door of madame's room was not locked. Vandal entered, expecting to see a most ghastly sight.

He saw nothing but a bed, slightly rumpled, and articles of female clothing lying about.

"I own my mistake," said Casparin with a laugh. "The American has not killed madame. He has eloped with her."

Vandal cursed roundly and well. Reber and Robello swore.

Mme. du Barry knew their secrets. Not a crime had been committed by either of them in years that Mme. du Barry did not know. And now she had gone with their foe, the American.

"We will follow them! I will kill them both!" cried Vandal.

"Take my advice and go to bed," said Casparin. "We can do nothing before daylight. There is nothing to fear at once, for the American will not give himself up to the police before he ascertains what fate they have in store for him. A reward of 5,000 francs is offered for his apprehension."

Reber slapped his leg.

"Good! It was worth 5,000 francs to us for him to escape. We will run him down and earn the reward!"

"My friend, you are quick to think, but you invariably think the wrong thing. We shall do nothing of the kind. We will run him down, but the police shall never see him."

"Oh, as to that, you are able to pay the 5,000 francs."

"And will. Now get some rest. We must be early astir."

They obeyed him, and early in the morning they were ready and eager for the chase.

It proved to be far from difficult to trace Mme. du Barry. She was well known in that quarter.

It was soon learned by persistent questioning on the part of Vandal that Mme. du Barry, in company with another woman, "beautifully dressed," had been seen on the street. No one knew the other woman.

Bit by bit they traced madame, and finally the clew led to the bank.

"It is surely an elopement," said Vandal. "She has drawn her money."

"Then they are on the way to America," said Reber.

The trail ended at the bank. It was in a quarter where no one knew Mme. du Barry. They returned to the house much [illegible]. It was imperative that the American be found before he had time to warn the Prince of Denesilia of the plot against him.

At the house they found a telegram from Mme. du Barry at Strassburg. It was addressed to Vandal:

"I am in Strassburg without money. Have been the victim of a police agent."

"What mystery is this?" demanded Casparin. "Have the police got in possession of the secret? He may [illegible] Strassburg."

[illegible]

"[illegible] you have come," she said. "[illegible] you brought money? [illegible] Well, that is what [illegible] I have at here one last evening. I am nearly dead with [illegible] awful fear. For the love of the good God, get me something to eat!"

Vandal [illegible] took her to the [illegible], and she attacked her meal with the eagerness of the [illegible].

"And now," said Casparin, "while you are eating, madame, please tell us what happened to you, and why an agent of police brought you here."

"[illegible] I was asleep in my room. I woke to find [illegible] He said he was an agent of police [illegible] I know [illegible] where [illegible] Well, [illegible] to try. He was after [illegible] You were [illegible] Vandal; you [illegible] He [illegible] to take me to the Palais de Justice. You all know what that would be [illegible] He made me dress him as a woman. Oh, I laughed when I disguised him! I gave him that [illegible] Vandal, that [illegible] with the flowers on it. Well, you will know that madame when you meet her. She has on that gown. Then we went to the bank. I drew a thousand francs, and he took it all. We came to Strassburg, and here I am. Where the agent of police is I do not know. When we arrived here, he told me to remain here while he went to [illegible] carriage. That was the last I saw of him or my thousand francs."

Reber and Robello [illegible]

"My friends, [illegible] badly," said Casparin. "[illegible]"

"He [illegible] left you [illegible]"

"This [illegible] more [illegible] than it [illegible] American, [illegible] shrewd and [illegible]. He will be an enemy worthy of our steel!"

"But undoubtedly he is now on the way to America," said Reber.

"Not so. One [illegible] goes from Paris to America by way of Strassburg. He had but a thousand francs. It would not carry him there after his expense of bringing [illegible] and madame here. He is gone to Denesilia. That, my friends, is where we shall find him—in Denesilia. And we must find him soon or our game will be knocked into a cocked hat."

"But what, then, of me?" asked Mme. du Barry. "Am I to starve, or be dragged to Denesilia with you?"

"I think you had better go home. I will furnish you the money," said Casparin.

Pleased at this, Mme. du Barry took the [illegible] Paris.

"Now, my friends, [illegible] Barry," said Casparin. "[illegible] my brother [illegible] your [illegible] plans. You will [illegible] way to [illegible]. I must [illegible] you here. I shall [illegible] Denesilia, putting a bold face on the matter, as if I had been merely to Berlin on a pleasure trip. I shall be surprised to see the prince at home so soon. You, on the other hand, array yourselves in good clothing and go at once to my castle at the edge of the Green Forest and announce yourselves as my guests, [illegible] from Paris. I am well known in all parts of Denesilia and cannot be seen plotting with [illegible]. As my guests you can go and come at will and in disguise carry our plans to execution."

"But what, then, of me?" asked Mme. du Barry.

"Good!" said Vandal. "Your castle on the Green Forest, you tell me, lies due north from Ontro, the border town."

"Yes. Any one can tell you."

So Casparin left his hired assassins and went on to Denesilia. They, in obedience to his commands, followed him there, but little less rapidly.

They were well supplied with clothing, purchased at the large cities on the way.

There was as yet no completed railroad within the limits of Denesilia. Under the rule of the prince such improvements were rapidly being added to the public wealth.

At that time Ontro, situated just within the border, was the terminus of a new line from German centers.

Ontro, like small border towns in almost any country, was more or less lawless. Travelers rarely visited it. There were other gateways to Denesilia. Those who knew best gave the [illegible] town of Ontro.

[illegible] were few and scattering. Property seemed to be somewhat of a stranger.

There was but one inn, and that [illegible] the following [illegible].

They were [illegible]. They had been the [illegible] passengers on the train, and were therefore the only new guests at the inn.

They were received with a great show of [illegible] hospitality. They drank and ate and felt refreshed.

To pass away the time they strolled in a room opening off the little private drawing room. This was a gaming room, and four men were playing on a huge [illegible] billiard table.

Vandal and his companions stood looking at the game.

"Well," said one of the players after a time, "this is thirsty business. Have some good beer brought [illegible]."

He spoke in the German tongue, though scarcely what would be heard in Berlin.

A bell was rung, and in a short time a serving girl came in and took the order.

"To the health of the good hausfrau!" they said and drank the toast.

As the waitress passed out the eyes of Vandal followed her. He suddenly nudged Reber and moved toward the door.

In the poorly furnished little drawing room a tall woman sat at a table with her head bowed in her hands. She was finely dressed for such a place.

"That is our man!" whispered Vandal to Reber. "He has heard our voices and hides his head. I know that gown. I gave it to Mme. du Barry. Ah! It is the very same, for the patterns of the flowers are in my memory. Hush! I will make sure."

Reber and Robello, the latter of whom did not hear the conversation, stood in the doorway while Vandal walked to the woman.

"Madame, make me happy with a look at your face," he said, with a laugh, and, in a manner scarcely as polite as his words, he grasped her hair and bent back her head so as to [illegible] her face.

A truly devilish screech came from her, and she called a name. In an instant the astonished Vandal was on the floor, with the four billiard players on top of him, pounding him, kicking him and stabbing him in the stomach with their cues.

"Scoundrel!" yelled one. "French dog!"

"Call Robard!" shouted another. "Here's a rascal from France who insults the hausfrau!"

And while Vandal was being well thumped Reber and Robello, never very brave, fled from the place into the dark and unknown street.

CHAPTER X.

FOUR AGAINST ONE.

ROBARD, the man who kept the inn at Ontro, was a Denesilian who had married a Prussian woman. These worthy people were supposed to make their living keeping the inn. The inn at Ontro sheltered such travelers as chanced to come that way and were forced to remain overnight, a thing that no traveler knowing his business ever did.

The inn also sheltered a band of robbers and cutthroats, the chief members of which were the four billiard players that had jumped upon Vandal.

In response to the cries for Robard, that gentleman, a rotund and ruddy faced rascal, came puffing in.

"Here, here! What is the matter? Have you lost your senses?" he demanded. "Have you no sense whatever? Is this the place to knock down travelers and take their coin? Oh! You will hang out a sign next, 'Travelers Neatly Robbed Here?'"

"Shut up, you fool!" exclaimed one of the men who sat on Vandal's head. "We are not robbing this fellow. We caught him trying to rob you."

A loud laugh greeted this witty speech.

"Rob me! That fellow rob me! Did he take the silver?"

"Oh, no. He took nothing. But he was trying to rob you of the good hausfrau's smiles."

"Oh, oh! Such impudence! Have you not already killed the beast?"

"Not quite," said another of the gang. "I feel him panting under me. However, I think killing none too heavy a punishment. What do you say, Papa Robard?"

"Well, now, after all, I think we had better go slow," said a third. "The fellow has been severely punished. Why, [illegible] more than a dozen [illegible] in Ontro have done [illegible] admired our good Mother Robard."

"So! Well, it must have been the new gown, I tell you," said Papa Robard, [illegible] to make [illegible] speech.

"It was [illegible] struggling [illegible] under two [illegible] I can explain."

"That is what I [illegible] to say," added the former speaker. "Here we are [illegible] of a man just because Frau Robard screamed. And where is she now? She fled from the scene. Give the fellow a chance to explain."

With evident reluctance they got up from Vandal's prostrate body, and he slowly and painfully got to his feet.

"The devil! You fellows are brave!" he said, with a puff and groan. "Four to one! Well, I must say it is not the way we do in France."

"Ho! France! I have been there," said Robard. "They don't give you a chance to explain there. The garrote; the robbery; the morgue!"

"Give the fellow a chance to explain, I say!" insisted the advocate of fair play.

Vandal staggered to a chair and begged for a glass of cognac. This was brought him, and after swallowing that and gathering his wits and energies he began his explanation.

"You see," he said, "I and my two companions were—where are they now? They deserted me in my need. Find the fools, I beg, or they will create a disturbance. They will run half way through Denesilia telling that I am being murdered here."

The one who seemed to be the leader of the gang was as much alarmed at this as Vandal seemed to be. He at once stepped outside and gave orders to some [illegible] to find the two strangers [illegible] and return them to the inn with every assurance of safety.

"Here, here! Have you lost your senses?" he demanded.

This matter having been attended to, Vandal resumed:

"You see, I and my companions came from Paris in search of a young fellow who had robbed us. That is, who had robbed a friend of mine of several thousand francs."

"What is this the fellow is saying?" asked Frau Robard, who had returned when quiet was restored. She did not understand French.

"I will speak German," said Vandal, who was quite a linguist in his way.

"You see I and my companions came from Paris in search of a young fellow who robbed a friend of mine of several thousand francs in money, some valuables and some fine clothing. We traced the rascal to Strassburg, and then from city to city and almost through Prussia. We lost the trail at last, but the direction had steadily been toward Denesilia, and, knowing that he had [illegible] he would make for this country.

"We know that he left Paris in the disguise of a woman. He arrived at Strassburg in the same disguise. And now the mysterious part of it is this: that he wore a gown the counterpart of the one Frau Robard now has on. I am sure of this and was so sure that [illegible] on the gown I [illegible] the wearer of it to be the thief.

"[illegible] I stepped up to the [illegible] right [illegible] her, and in [illegible] my [illegible] when I [illegible] the sweet face of good Frau [illegible]. Oh, I assure you, gentlemen, it was a most grievous error on my part, and no one could regret it more than I did, especially when I felt your billiard cues running me up the stomach."

"Well, the evil is not so great, if the good frau can forgive me."

A look of great significance passed from Robard to the younger of the four, who was his son.

"And you say this fellow was a thief?" asked the elder Robard. "How much did you say he stole?"

It flashed into the mind of Vandal that the paltry amount of a thousand francs was not sufficient loss to cause three men to chase across Europe at an expense beyond that to recover it.

"Why, so far as we could ascertain," he answered, "the rascal took in money 12,000 francs, several diamond ornaments, ladies' jewelry and a fine gold watch."

Another flash of intelligence from old Robard to his son.

"Well, my friend," said the old man, "I can explain the matter of the gown very easily. There came to this inn from the train yesterday a young man who claimed to be a peddler. In fact, he had a valise, and in that valise he carried this gown, which he offered for sale. It took the fancy of my wife at once, and she made a bargain with him. She took the gown, he took the money, spent the night here, and this morning departed."

"What sort of a man? How did he look?" asked Vandal.

"Oh, a young fellow. He spoke French, but I fancied he was more like those accursed English. He spoke also German to the wife."

"Smooth face, dark brown hair, good eyes?"

"The same. Evidently the same. Though a thief who steals like that would not own good eyes long!"

"Oh, this fellow was a good actor. He can appear to be anything."

"He must be a marvel!"

"He is. Which way did he go?"

"Well, now, to tell the truth, I do [illegible] toward [illegible]. At least he got hold a horse of me."

At [illegible] the two frightened assassins were [illegible] and their [illegible] at seeing [illegible] struggling for life now at the top of the heap with the interest and attention of all concentrated on him.

"Our man has gone on toward Trolle," said Vandal. "Our friends here did not know they were letting a prize slip through their fingers. Why, there is a prize of 5,000 francs offered by the Paris police for the return of the man to them. Oh, you should have held him!"

Again that quick flash from father to son.

"I suggest," said Vandal, "that, now our explanation is [illegible] good will established, we drink to the health of the Frau Robard and get some rest. In the morning we will continue our journey."

"I agree! I agree!" said Reber and Robello.

In [illegible] they were in bed, and [illegible] held below between Robard and his son.

"Well, luck has at last come to us," [illegible] the old [illegible] to the younger one. "Twelve thousand francs, diamonds and a watch [illegible] and 5,000 francs for returning him to the Paris police. But where is all that money? Six hundred francs only we found."

"Well, we took his purse, thinking that contained all his wealth. A peddler with 600 francs is a rare bird. But 12,000! Is he safe for awhile yet?"

"Well, I gave him a good dose. But, God, suppose I had killed him, as I intended at first, and lost that 5,000 francs! Oh, if those three wise fellows only knew their thief was asleep in this house! Well, we would have to kill them. We cannot lose this prize!"

From this delectable conversation it will readily be gathered that only a portion of the story told by Robard to Vandal was true. Buckford, as will be remembered, gave Mme. du Barry the slip at Strassburg. He left Strassburg by the first train toward Denesilia and on the way managed to resume his natural appearance and placed the gown of Mme. du Barry in his valise.

Arriving at Ontro, he had seized the first opportunity to get rid of the gown and had presented it to the wife of his host.

She, pleased with the gaudy thing, accepted it.

Judging that a man who could give away a gown that was better than any his wife had ever had must have plenty of money, Robard had given the traveler a room into which he had a

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Announcements.

FOR SUPERVISOR.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. S. G. SOUTHWICK.
East Smethport, Dec. 7, 1901.

FOR CONSTABLE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for constable of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. BERGA STICKLES.
East Smethport, Dec. 10, 1901.

A BIG street car strike is threatened in Philadelphia.

THE Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that a woman is responsible for her husband's debts.

THE enemies of Judge Reynolds are circulating a report that he has withdrawn from the commissionership race.

ANTI-ANARCHIST bills are pouring into Congress. Our sincere hope is that a strong and effective bill will be passed at this session.

REVENUE officers made a successful raid on an illicit distillery in the heart of New York city Monday night. If this keeps on the Southern moonshiner will have to look to his laurels.

AS THE United States is producing nearly one-third of the world's fresh gold the basis of the financial situation can be pronounced solid. About the same proportion of silver is produced in this country.

CONGRESSMAN SIBLEY has introduced in the House a bill authorizing the construction of a railroad across Alaska from Cook's Inlet to Behring Straits, a distance of 850 miles, by the Trans-Alaskan Railroad company.

AT the head of this column will be found the announcement of Berga Stickles as a candidate for constable of Keating township subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Mr. Stickles is a thoroughly competent and honest man and if he receives the endorsement of the Republican party will be elected by a large majority.

A CLUB has been organized in Chicago to prove that four hours' sleep out of the twenty-four is enough. They will do a great deal of good to humanity by proving that their theory is wrong, and this they are sure to do. Seven or eight hours' sleep is what the average person requires and must have to remain healthy and strong.

THE great copper trust bids fair to go under before long. Last June the stock was worth $130 per share while to-day it is only worth one-half that amount and it is steadily declining. The trust was organized with a capital of $75,000,000 to control the output and price, but through the discovery of other mines the object cannot be attained, therefore the slump.

THE famous old Liberty Bell will soon be journeying to Charleston, S. C. Four robust Philadelphia policemen will go along. The railroad men furnish a special train and a brass-mounted flat car, built at a cost of $2,000 for the occasion. The train will not run at night. The old bell, during its stay in Charleston will be housed in the Philadelphia Building.

UNITED STATES SENATORS MCLAURIN and Tillman of South Carolina had a lively time in the Senate Monday. During a wordy quarrel between these advocates of the old and new Democracy Senator Tillman challenged his colleague to resign with him on the spot in order that they might, to use his own language, "wash their dirty linen at home." Senator McLaurin refused to accept the challenge and more lively times may be looked for.

CARNEGIE'S money continues to keep up interest in that very remarkable man. He has offered the United States government $10,000,000 to establish a great university of higher educational purposes and for making advances in scientific research. The college will be located in Washington and will not cost the United States government one dollar. It is certainly a good project on the part of the philanthropic millionaire and a princely gift to the country.—Bradford Era.

THE announcement of S. G. Southwick as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township subject to the decision of the Republican party will be found at the head of this column. Mr Southwick has been a resident of Keating township all his life with the exception of when he was serving his country with the old Bucktail regiment, and he has never before asked for a public office. Mr. Southwick is able and honest and he should receive a large vote both in the primaries and at the spring election.

ENCOURAGED by their success in electing a Mayor of their own town, the labor union men of Ansonia, Ct., have declared their purpose to enter State politics. They have issued a platform and address to the labor men of other cities urging independent political action and express the hope of obtaining the balance of power between the parties. As a manufacturing State, Connecticut has a big labor population and the movement might easily become serious if there is sufficient ability to organize and direct it.—Buffalo Express.

FRANCIS MCGINNIS IVEAGH, a well known local newspaper writer, was shot and probably fatally injured early Wednesday morning by Alexander Horr, an anarchist, who was arrested, says a New York special. Horr's wife alleges that Iveagh asked her for a kiss, jokingly, and when her husband returned she told him. The parties occupy the same house. Horr and Iveagh quarreled with the above result. Upon Horr was found a lot of anarchistic documents, one calling for subscriptions for a fund for the erection of a monument to Czolgosz and denouncing McKinley violently. Horr is a publisher of anarchistic literature and a lecturer on anarchism.

SOME of our exchanges have given space to a "holler" because a county commissioner and an attendant accompanied the man Rogers, who was recently bitten by a mad dog, to the Pasteur Institute in New York city. One paper erroneously stated that two commissioners accompanied the patient. Would these howlers have the man, liable at any minute to be attacked by dread hydrophobia, sent there alone? Precautions must be taken with a patient of that description. In a rabid frenzy his two attendants would certainly have all that they could do to quiet him and would probably have had to ask other assistance. No one knows this any better than the man that started the kick.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 1901.

Since the first session of Congress, one week ago to-day, a large amount of work has been accomplished considering that this is the first session of a new Congress. No legislation of importance has been actually enacted but a gratifying number of preliminary details have been disposed of.

On Tuesday the President's message was read in both houses and met with the almost universal approval of the members, but two recommendations meeting with any opposition from the Republicans. Those are Colonel Roosevelt's advocacy of the inauguration of a federal irrigation system and his advice on the subject of reciprocity which is not concurred in by some of the members of his party. As soon as the message had been read and referred to the Committee of the Whole by the House that body adjourned until Friday.

Before adjournment, however, a large number of bills were filed with the clerk, the total number aggregating over two thousand. Among the bills which have been introduced are measures providing for Chinese exclusion, the enforcement of the Dingley tariff schedules in the Philippines, (a measure made necessary by the setting aside of the present tariff law as applied to the islands by a Supreme Court decision) numerous bills intended to suppress anarchy and punish attempts on the life of the President; a bill providing a pension of $5,000 per annum for Mrs. McKinley; a bill providing for the reservation of 4,000,000 acres of forest land in the Southern Appalachian mountains to be known as the McKinley National Park, and numerous bills intended to remedy the evils attendant upon the formation of trusts.

Probably the most important work in the House has been the nomination by Speaker Henderson of the Ways and Means Committee, the Appropriations Committee and the Committee on Enrolled Bills. The Ways and Means Committee is composed of Representatives Payne, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell, Steele, Tawney, M'Call, Long, Babcock, Metcalfe (Republicans) Richardson, Robertson, Swanson, M'Clellan, Newlands and Cooper (Democrats). This includes one more Republican and one less Democrat than formerly, Speaker Henderson believing that, in view of the increased majority in the House, the Republicans were entitled to increased representation on this important committee.

Immediately after the appointment of the Committee it met in the Capitol to discuss the Philippine tariff situation and another meeting was held on Saturday. No time will be lost in reporting a bill which will meet with the approval of a majority of both the House and the Senate. It is the hope of Speaker Henderson and Chairman Payne that this necessary legislation may be enacted before the holiday adjournment. Senator Lodge introduced a bill into the Senate providing for the application of the schedules of the Dingley bill to the Philippines but, as the revenue legislation should originate in the House, it is probable that the Senator's bill will give way to that reported by the Ways and Means Committee.

On Wednesday the Senate received from the President the report of the Isthmian Canal commission and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The provisions of the treaty accorded with the predictions made in these letters. It calls for no compensation to Great Britain in return for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and leaves the United States the sole master of the canal with the right to fortify or otherwise protect it and requires the simple pledge that the canal shall be maintained as a neutral waterway. The convention was immediately referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and Friday that committee unanimously voted to recommend it for ratification. Senator Burrows tells me that he believes the measure will receive the vote of every Republican Senator and a sufficient number of Democratic votes to insure its passage. Senator Jones, the Democratic leader, does not believe that there will be any formal opposition by the Democratic Senators.

The Isthmian Canal commission favors the Nicaraguan route, the cost of which it estimates at $189,864,062. This canal will have to be provided with locks and it will be without harbor facilities at either end. It is estimated that it can be completed in eight years and the total length would be 183 miles. The cost of completing the Panama canal is placed at $144,233,359 and the amount required to purchase the canal from the French company $109,141,000, although the commission values the work done at only $40,000,000. In favor of the Panama route it may be said that it would be a sea level canal, only forty-nine miles long, that it has harbors at each end and that it would cost $1,300,000 per annum less to operate than the Nicaragua canal. The commission unqualifiedly recommends the Nicaraguan route and Senator Morgan has already introduced his bill providing for its construction.

In view of the fact that at the expiration of fifty years the original cost of maintenance for that period, will have equaled the total cost of the Panama route if it were chosen and that subsequent to that time the United States would be relieved of an annual expense of $1,300,000; that vessels would find a harbor at either end of the canal and that the time consumed in traversing the Nicaragua canal will amount to thirty-three hours as against twelve hours for the Panama canal, it would seem difficult to understand the grounds on which the commission recommends the former route.

A further consideration should not be lost sight of however and that is that the French company holds out for a price approximately $70,000,000 in excess of the amount at which the commission values the work done. In view of this fact a reasonable surmise is that the commission and Congress intend to proceed with the preliminaries, looking to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal with the hope that it may induce the French owners of the Panama route to listen to reason and accept the commissioners' valuation of $40,000,000 on their plant. If they can be induced to do this the total cost of the canal would not exceed, assuming that the commissions are correct, $189,000,000 and an annual saving of $1,300,000 would have been effected.

Advice to Catarrh Sufferers.

Geo. Tinsley, Clayton, N. M., writes: "I have been using Dr. Geo. Leininger's Inhaler just one week, and it has done me more good than anything I have ever tried for catarrh. I would earnestly advise all sufferers of catarrh to try it." Sold at 50c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

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CHARLES LEMMLER.

The Treasury Showing.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Secretary Gage's annual exhibit is one on which the citizens of the United States may well congratulate themselves and speak in terms of warm appreciation. The country understands that for a long time government receipts have outrun expenditures, and, that, in spite of a considerable reduction of taxes, the surplus still tends to increase. But there are other points of significance not so strongly impressed upon the public mind. One is permanently decreased interest charge upon the public debt. It is much less than before the war with Spain and represents a highly important saving. On April 1, 1898, the annual interest charge was $34,387,377, and on November 15, 1901, it was $28,471,228, a reduction of $5,916,149. This is a continuous saving year after year, and a remarkable financial achievement, especially as it has closely followed a costly war. The annual saving much more than covers the prospective interest charge on the construction of the Nicaragua canal at an estimated maximum cost of $200,000,000. Two per cent. interest on that amount would be $4,000,000, and with this sum added the total annual interest charge would be nearly $2,000,000 less than before the present war.

The unprecedented credit of the United States, of course, enters into this computation. No other nation in the world is able to borrow money at 2 per cent. In referring to the reduction since 1898 of 16 per cent. in the interest charge Secretary Gage says: "The facts indicate a condition of unparalleled strength in the treasury, and go far to explain the superior credit of the United States, as measured and illustrated by price quotations in the world's financial markets." Another important point is the relative position of this country in the production of gold and silver. In the calendar year 1900 the yield in the United States was $79,171,000 gold and $35,741,140 silver, a total of $114,912,140. We produce nearly one-third of all the gold and silver mined in the world. This product is steadily increasing and constantly adds to the present volume of gold coin and gold bullion in the country, which is over $1,160,000,000 gold, while the stock of silver coin stands at $610,000,000. Our exports of gold exceed the imports, but, as this is becoming a creditor nation, the movement represents a solid increase in accumulated American wealth.

It is gratifying to note the extent to which the treasury report is a comprehensive summary of items of increase. The net increase of revenue over expenditures was $7,000,000 for the year, as compared with 1900. The estimated surplus for the present fiscal year is $100,000,000, which is an increase of one-third. Foreign exports increased $93,000,000, and the balance of trade increased. Foreign immigration increased. Our exports of domestic merchandise took the first place, exceeding those of Great Britain, the next in line, by $70,000,000. One thing suggested by these figures is the necessity of reducing taxation, and Secretary Gage recommends that the revenue be cut down $50,000,000 a year by the repeal of war taxes. Another point established by the report is that the government can proceed with the construction of the Nicaragua canal without any fear that work on the great enterprise will be a serious drain upon the national finances or a perceptible burden to taxpayers.

AN American young man who is teaching in the Philippines, writes home: "The children have learned to read and write from the first reader, and are better children than the American children. They memorize everything. The English spelling is 'much malo.' They don't sabe final 'e,' or 'ough,' 'tion,' 'sion,' etc. The natives are friendly and hospitable. The visitor must always accept a cigar or a cigarette and a glass of wine. The senoritas smoke cigarettes and chew betel nut. The dress of the natives is simple and brief. They have solved the problem of comfort. The hombres wear their only upper garment flapping in the breeze. Senoritas' clothes are decollette at both ends, but withal they are becoming and sensible. The shoes are always left at the door and the stockings are left at home." When senoritas become Americanized they will wear small shoes and develop corns. They will cut out the baneful cigarette and glass of wine. They will wear shirtwaists instead of decollette garments that flap in the wind. They will wear hosiery and get on to the curves of English pronunciation. They will learn to play golf and chew gum. The merry Filipino maiden will grow up with the country in the days to come and learn to make googoo eyes. She will be able to write this recommendation: "After taking Uncle Sam's sovereign remedy of education and enlightenment, I am a new woman."

Worth its Weight in Gold.

J. G. McMurray, Box 67, Seymour, Mo., writes: "Dr. Geo. Leininger's Formaldehyde Inhaler has done a power of good for my catarrh. By my recommendation a friend bought one and he says ten dollars could not get it if he could not get another. I will let all my friends know of your wonderful catarrh cure." Sold at 50c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Hands Off the Tariff

American Economist.

Free Trade papers are claiming with much glee that our exports are declining, especially our exports of manufactures. They do not print the whole truth about the matter. They do not explain that prices have declined in many commodities and that the quantity of exports continues to increase though a single month may show a slight decline in total values. But if our total exports should show a small falling off it by no means indicates a decline in manufacturing or any other industrial activity. In fact, the contrary is known to be the case. Our home market is consuming more and more of our productions, the conditions being that sales are only limited by means of transportation. The railroads are simply unable to carry all the freight offered. Car works are taxed to their utmost capacity and cannot fill their orders except after months of delay. The Grain Committee of the New York Produce Exchange have called the attention of the traffic managers of the New York-Buffalo railroads to the lack of enough grain elevators to store large amounts of grain and to the unequal dock facilities. Every railroad in the country is pressing the car and locomotive builders for new equipment, the New Haven road having just given an order for thirty new locomotives and 1,300 freight cars, the largest order ever given by that company at one time.

We are not worrying about foreign markets when we cannot supply home trade. Holiday orders are already being filled as far as possible, so fearful are merchants that they will not get their goods in time for the Christmas shopping. Never before in our history have our factories been so busy as to-day. Never before were we making so much and selling so much and buying so much. The bank clearings of every provincial city (and these are not affected by stock transactions as is the New York Clearing House) show a greater volume of business than was ever before recorded. What matters the loss of a few millions abroad when we are gaining billions at home? There is no cloud on the industrial sky and no menace to business save the rantings of Free-Traders for a revision of the Tariff, which is working perfectly in every section of the country and to the advantage of every industry. The cry for reciprocity which is not reciprocity, but Free-Trade, will hardly avail under present conditions. "Let well enough alone" should be the watchword throughout the land. To tinker with the Tariff now or let down the bars by treaties that take but do not give would be the veriest folly and reverse the present unparalleled conditions which are taking us on to greater and greater industrial activity and national and individual prosperity.

Reduced Rates to Charleston.

During the continuance of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, to be held at Charleston, S. C., from December 1 to June 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Charleston and return from all points on its lines at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold daily from November 30 to May 31, and will be of two descriptions. Season tickets bearing a final limit of June 3, 1902, and eleven-day tickets, good to return within eleven days, including date of sale, but not good after June 3, 1902. These tickets will not be good to stop off enroute. For rates and further particulars apply to ticket agents.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Clerical Orders for 1902.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company announces that clerical orders will be issued for the year 1902 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of charges located on or near the line of its road.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 21, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of its agents.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pain in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All taxpayers of Smethport borough are hereby notified that in order to save 5 per cent on their taxes the same must be paid on or before January 6, 1902. I can be found at the furniture and carpet store of Specht & Sasse, this borough.
CARL SASSE, Collector.

The most extensive line of Robes and Blankets ever shown in town can be seen at J. C. Hamlin's.

BELL BROS.
OLEAN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

YULETIDE SHOPPING

is the happiest of all the years, and if at no other time, surely when doing your Christmas shopping you want big stocks and large assortments to choose from. That's why our out of town trade at this time of the year increases by thousands.

THE BASEMENT is filled with Toys, Books, Games, etc., is Santa's supply depot from which he draws to make happy hundreds of little folks on Christmas Morn. It's alone worth a visit here.

FOUR OTHER FLOORS

are attractive in their Holiday garbs and in all regular departments we are offering special Holiday Bargains. Two big floors filled with furniture, for you to choose from; 12 other departments filled with useful and ornamental gifts. Can you find a better place to do your shopping?

WE THINK NOT.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

I have an unusually large stock of Holiday Goods this year and they are all new. I have always managed to close out the stock every year so there are no shopworn goods here.

My stock contains suitable gifts for all, both old and young. You can get the gift for the baby, Grandma and the whole family here.

Oriental Pottery, Celluloid Sets, Sterling Silver Novelties, but we could not name them all in a week. Just come in and look.

Gifts for the Children! There is no use saying a word about presents for them. The little ones who gather in front of the windows and in the store are telling among the toys better than I could do it if I owned this paper and was not busy doing up packages. For further particulars ask the youngsters of all.

H. C. WELLS,
SMETHPORT, PENN.

DESERVING OF A HOLIDAY WREATH.

Throwing bouquets at oneself is not considered good form, but we have received so many favorable comments on our

PLUMBING AND HEATING WORK

that we feel justified in mentioning a few of the reasons why we should receive the orders of careful people.

All orders receive prompt attention. All material used is of good quality. All men employed are competent.

Willett S. Palmer.

UNION PHONE 28. RILEY BLOCK Smethport.

On Jellies
preserves and pickles, spread a thin coating of
PURE REFINED PARAFFINE
Will keep them absolutely moisture and acid proof. Pure Refined Paraffine is also useful in a dozen other ways about the house. Full directions in each package. Sold everywhere.
STANDARD OIL CO.

Armstrong's Reliable Jewelry Store

Is, as ever, headquarters for everything in the line of

Standard Jewelry.

If you wish to be ON TIME buy your

Watch or Clock

at this reliable establishment. Prices are right,

Stock is Complete,

Goods are the Best, therefore your patronage is solicited

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Main Street. Smethport, Pa.

Buy and Try a Box Tonight.

While you think of it, go buy and try a box of Cascarets Candy Cathartic, ideal laxative, tonic. You'll never regret it. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, 10c.

The Vast Variety

in the stock we carry makes utterly impossible in newspaper space to give you even a faint idea of what it embraces.

We only want to mention a few of the endless variety of Cakes and Crackers which we have added to our stock lately.

All in attractive packages:

Uneeda Biscuits,
Uneeda Milk Biscuits,
Uneeda Ginger Wafers,
Uneeda Graham Wafers,
Salted Banquet Wafers,
Vanilla Wafers,
Soda Biscuits,
Milk Biscuits,
Butter Crackers,
Butter Thin & Water Thin Wafers,
Bremner's Butter Wafers,
Butter Gems,
Kennedy's Oysterettes,
Zu Zu Ginger Snaps.

Ramona, Athena and Champagne Wafers. Also in attractive packages for the little ones, Log Cabin Brownies, Happy Hearts, Almond Bon Bons and Holiday Mixed.

Shepard & Gallup.
THE POPULAR GROCERS,
Gallup Block Smethport, Pa

KODAKS AND KODAK SUPPLIES.

We are agents for Eastman's Kodaks in this section. Our prices are as low as anywhere.

McCoy's Drug Store,
SMETHPORT, PA. NEXT DOOR TO POSTOFFICE.

FURNITURE

You make no mistake in buying here. The stock is complete, and prices low.

CARPETS

An elegant assortment just received. Now is the time to secure best values. Remember our stock of wall paper contains all the latest patterns.

Main Street, Smethport. Specht & Sasse.

FRESH BALTIMORE OYSTERS
every day in the week at
The Model Restaurant.
Families Supplied.

PASADENA
KIDNEY CURE. It Nourishes, Fortifies and Refreshes the Whole System.
COUGH BALSAM. Cures Catarrh, Asthma, Bronchitis, Consumption, Etc.
LINIMENT. The Great Remedy for Pains, Bruises and Burns.
PASADENA MEDICINE COMPANY BRADFORD, PENNA.

Delicious and Strengthening
You Will find
Dotterweich's Pure Beer,
Made from Pure Malt and Hops
Physicians Recommend It.
DOTTERWEIGH BREWING CO.,
OLEAN, NEW YORK.
Write or 'Phone for a case for family use to
Hungerford & McCarty,
BOTTLER. SMETHPORT, PA.
On Sale at all Hotels and Saloons.

Go to Store of
D. C. Young
for Your Christmas Goods.

New stock and great variety just received from New York City at prices that cannot be beaten.

Fancy Baskets, 5c to $1.00. Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c up. Dolls from 1c to $2. Women's Flannelette Wrappers 75c to $1.50.

400 New Books, no two alike, at 15c to 24c each.

Silk Umbrellas, $1.50 to $5.00, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Please call and examine for yourselves at my store, corner Main and Union streets.

Special prices to teachers and Sunday school workers.

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PA., Dec. 10, 1901.

Go To
L. K. Hogarth & Co.
for

Fancy Goods, Cut Glass, Wave Crest Ware, Leather Goods, Sterling Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Etc.

We are closing out our stock Medallions below cost.

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.
Opposite Court House.
Leading Druggists, Smethport, Pa.

Great Reduction Sale
ON OVERCOATS, SHOES AND RUBBERS
For Ten Days.

50 Men's Overcoats, all wool, Beaver or Kersey, worth from $7.50 to $8, go at $4.65.
75 Men's Overcoats, all wool Kersey, gray or blue, worth from $9.50 to $12, go at $7.65.
65 Men's Overcoats, very fine, tailor-made, Oxford gray, worth from $12.50 to $16, go at $9.98.
75 pairs Ladies' Shoes, fine or box calf, worth from $1.90 to $2, go at $1.29
65 pairs Ladies Shoes, very fine, heavy soles, worth from $2.50 to $3, go at $1.75
75 pairs Ladies' Shoes, French Vici Kid, worth from $3.50 $4, go at $2.38.
3 doz Men's Felt Boots and Rubbers, the best, warranted go at $2.19
3 doz. Men's Rubber Boots, the best, warranted, sizes from 6 to 10, go at $2.68.
75 pairs Ladies' Rubbers, storm or low, the best, go at $.42.
3 doz. Men's Artics, the best, heavy or light, worth from $1.75 to $2, go at $1.19.
3 doz. Men's high heavy Rubbers, Snag Proof, the best, with lace, go at $1.78.
55 pairs Little Rubber Boots, sizes from 5 to 12, goes from 93 cents up.
100 pairs Misses' and Children's Rubbers, the best, storm or low go from 25 cents up

We invite you all to come during this sale. You can save 50 cents on a dollar.

MAX SCHOOLAR,
Main street opposite Court House, Smethport, Pa., and Oswayo, Pa

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO. | F. G. LINDHOLM & CO

SATURDAY, DEC. 7.

Grand Opening Display

OF

HOLIDAY GOODS!

To day we make our first display of holiday goods.

The first floor is full of all kinds of fancy goods, toys, dolls, games and everything suggestive of the approaching holiday season. Inspection invited.

FURS,
JACKETS
and SUITS.

All the best styles in neckwear of the choicest furs, $1 to $15.50.

Elegant fashions in long Coats, Automobiles, Ulsters, Raglans, English Jackets, Etc.

Ladies' tailor-made suits for street, dress and traveling, $10.00 to $25.00

Dress Skirts in great variety—in cloth, $5.00 to $12.50; in silk $12.50.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

Some Christmas Suggestions.

CHINAWARE.

Tea and After Dinner Coffee Cups, Chop, Cake and Bread and Butter Plates, Salads in all shapes and sizes, Fancy Olives, Celery Trays, Nut Bowls, Brush and Comb Trays, Chocolate Pots, Biscuit Jars, Sugars and Creams, Pin Trays, etc., etc., etc. We have the above in Haviland, Limoges or German China.

GLASSWARE.

Glasses, Tumblers, Finger Bowls, Vinegar Cruits, Sherbets, Oil Bottles, Rose Bowls, Colored Water Sets, four piece Table Sets, consisting of Butter Dish, Cream and Sugar and Spoon Holder, etc., etc., etc. In fact we have a complete line of Blow and Pressed Glassware.

CUT GLASS.

Bon Bons in all shapes and sizes, Nappies, Salads, Spoon Trays, Carafes, Jellies, Celery Trays, Cream and Sugars, etc., etc., etc.

NOVELTIES.

Ash Trays, Match Safes, Tobacco Jars, Ash Receivers, Bisque Figures, Vases, Wedgewood Plaques and Sugar and Creams; Jardinieres, Syrup Cups, etc., etc.

Venetian Glass.

Footed and handled Bon Bons, Jellies and Nappies, etc. etc., etc. This is cut glass filled with gold. The latest and prettiest ware on the market.

Stirling Silver.

Meat Forks, Tea Spoons, Cream Ladles, Oyster Forks, Bon Bon Spoons, Sugar Shells, After Dinner Coffee Spoons, Tomato Servers, Olive Spoons.

Redfield's Hardware,

Mason Block, SMETHPORT, PA.

Just Received!

The Finest and most complete line of

Picture Mouldings

ever brought to Smethport. Before you purchase a frame call and see the elegant assortment at my studio

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,

Smethport, Pa

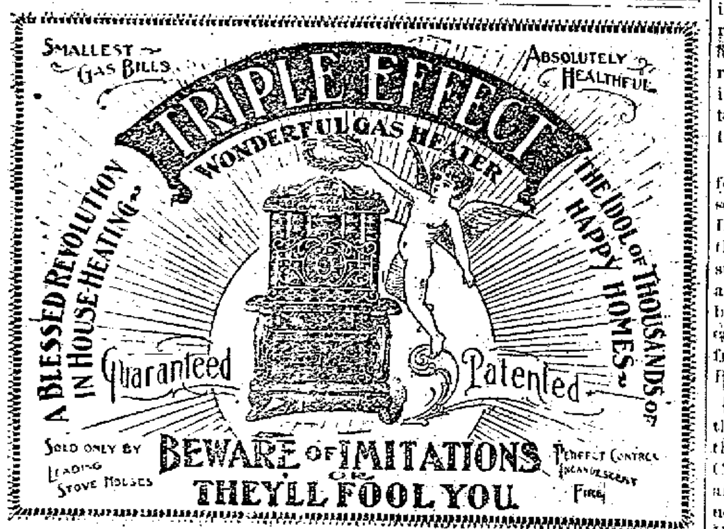
Millinery.

We now have a complete stock of new WINTER MILLINERY which is being sold very reasonably. . . . .

Also, children's bonnets and cloaks, ladies' jackets, capes, skirts, waists, wrappers, underwear, &c.

MRS. A. E. HINMAN,

Smethport, Pa.


SMALLEST GAS BILLS
ABSOLUTELY HEALTHFUL
TRIPLE EFFECT
WONDERFUL GAS HEATER
A BLESSED REVOLUTION IN HOUSE HEATING
THE IDOL OF THOUSANDS OF HAPPY HOMES
Guaranteed
Patented
SOLD ONLY BY LEADING STOVE HOUSES
PERFECT CONTROL INCANDESCENT FIRE
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS
THEY'LL FOOL YOU

THE TRIPLE EFFECT.

If you are going to buy a Heating Stove get the best. If you want heat, health and a small gas bill, get the Triple Effect. If you have any doubt of its marvelous heating qualities, consult any one who has used one, and especially those who have "fired" the imitations and replaced them with the original and ONLY Triple Effect. Sold ONLY by

J. C. Hamlin.

in Smethport and Vicinity.

Remember, its system of manufacturing hot air is covered by U. S. patents owned by the makers, and I have their exclusive agency in this town. Any one claiming similar improvements in tubular heating is trying to recite 'Hamlet' with Hamlet left out

They are sold at the same prices the world over.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the post office at Smethport as second class matter

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, DEC. 12 1901

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Bell Bros.' new ad this week.

—Photograph mounts in all sizes for sale at this office.

—The political pot is beginning to boil in Keating township.

—Charles Mesler has ceased to run his studio on Main street for the present.

—The Wagner opera house will undergo some repairs in the near future.

—Mrs. M. R. Dutton, who has been seriously ill for some time, is convalescing.

—Gus. Heckel is a clerk in Heckel's market, Bradford. He is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford.

—We are in receipt of a beautiful calendar for 1902, presented by H. H. Redfield, the hardware man. Call at his store if you want one.

—Remember the excursion over the Kushequa Route to Mt. Jewett to-morrow evening.

—Don't forget that this is the best time of the year to come in and pay your subscription.

—The success achieved by Clarion Normal graduates is evidence of good work done in that institution.

—John Golden, a resident of Limestone, was drowned near that place Monday night. He was aged about 50 years.

—Allie Knight, stenographer for S. A. Munday & Co., Bradford, is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—The grocery firm of Shepard & Gallup have a new ad this week. When you are looking for good things to eat for the holidays be sure and call on this popular firm.

—Lost on the B., B. & K. train going to Ormsby Tuesday evening a pocket-book containing about $30. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Mrs. F. B. Mayo, Ormsby.

—We are in receipt of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the compliments of Hon. W. W. Brown.

—See change in Brasted's ad this week. Dan always carries a large assortment of candies and fruits for the holidays.

—Max Schoolar, the clothier and furnisher, has a new ad in this issue. He is making a special reduction on some of his goods.

—Mr. Walters is deliveryman for the American Express Co., Bradford. He is a graduate of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—Mary L. Bisett has a new holiday ad this week. She has a very large stock of Christmas gifts on her counters and all can be bought at reasonable figures.

—D. C. Young has a new holiday ad this week which will interest all careful buyers. He makes special prices to those buying in lots for public and Sunday schools.

—We have been requested by the county commissioners to announce that they no longer pay any bounty on foxes, skunks, etc. The law was annulled some time ago.

—W. S. Palmer, the plumber, has the contract for piping a number of school houses in Keating township where gas will hereafter be used for heating purposes.

—M. L. Armstrong has a new ad in this issue which will be of interest to holiday gift buyers. He has had many years of experience and what he sells you can be depended upon.

—The Smethport Gun club has commenced doing some shooting over the trap now that the hunting season is closed. We understand that the Kane team will shoot here during the holidays.

We are pleased to note the signs of prosperity being displayed by the McKean Miner, for it is well worthy of it—it has just clothed itself in a new dress and added a new Babcock press to its plant.—Emporium Independent.

—B. B. Briggs of Bradford, aged 77 years, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault and battery on the person of his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. West, aged 84 years. Neighbors made complaint to Humane Agent Heard who issued the warrant.

—"A Great Dispersion and its Results," is the subject of Rev. Gaylard H. Patterson's sermon for next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. In the evening the subject will be "The Church and Arbitration," a continuation of the popular series on the church and social conditions.

—Mrs. Ursula Jaquay died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. M. Day, in this borough on Tuesday, Dec. 10, aged about 82 years. The funeral services were held at the family home this morning, Rev. G. H. Patterson officiating, and the remains were taken to Steamburg, N. Y., for burial.

—The Catholic fair which is being held at the hose house this week is being well attended every night and all are having a good time. The booths contain many beautiful and useful articles. The ladies are serving a first-class supper at the low rate of 25 cents each. If you have not attended do so now.

—At a meeting Saturday night it was decided to form a city bowling league composed of four teams captained by Dr. Clark, T. H. Purtle, W. F. Specht and Chas. Usher. Since the meeting a "kid" team has been formed and application made to join the league. The names of the members of the respective teams will appear later.

—Word received from John Rogers, who went to Pasteur's Institute in New York city last Friday with the commissioners, states that the first service performed by the doctors there was to draw nearly all the blood from his body. He is kept in a room by himself and he expects to be able to return home in about three weeks.—Eldred Eagle.

—Miss Elsie Moran, a school teacher at Corwin, Potter county, proved herself a heroine by saving a young man's life last Saturday. The man was in an intoxicated condition and fell across the railroad track a short distance ahead of an approaching train. Miss Moran rushed to his assistance and succeeded in getting him off the track just in time to save him from being crushed under the wheels.

—The deer season is closed. Now go for bears. A dozen in one herd were seen one day last week southwest of Liberty. No editor will be caught up that way this winter and those owing subscription are safe from the collector and bears too for that matter, for no bear if he is properly brought up will eat a man who is tough enough to refuse to pay an honest subscription.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—A St. Louis dispatch says: A case that is interesting local physicians is that of Eli Daniels, a patient at the City hospital, who is convalescing from an operation of the heart. Daniels is a negro roustabout on the City of Chester. He was stabbed in the heart at Chester, Ill., and Dr. H. L. Nietert, superintendent of the City hospital, where Daniels was taken 24 hours after being cut, sewed up the wound, taking several stitches, and the patient is now well on the road to recovery.

—The operetta, "Merry Milkmaids," will be produced at the Mountain opera house, Mt. Jewett, to-morrow evening, December 13, by home talent, assisted by Miss Agnes McCoy of this borough. For the accommodation of those desiring to attend this entertainment an excursion train will be run over the Kushequa Route, leaving Smethport at 6:45 p. m. and returning immediately after the entertainment. Fare for the round trip 50 cents.

—It was a big, good natured audience that greeted ex-Gov. Bob Taylor at the court house Friday night and luckily they were easily pleased. Bob Taylor's buffoonery was amusing until it became tedious, and his occasional lapses into pathos were too deplorably artificial to touch a sympathetic vein in his hearers. The quartette singing, although below the average, was easily the feature of the entertainment, and the selections came like oases in the rhetorical desert. The audience did not regret the briefness of the entertainment.

—J. C. Berger, a traveling salesman, left a valise containing jewelry and silks to the value of some $200 on the depot on Friday and entered the building. On returning the valise had disappeared. Officers Shurtz and Canfield were notified and a thorough search was made, but to no avail. A reward of $10 was offered for the return of the valise and on Saturday Miss Emma Simar discovered it in the cemetery opposite her residence and called the attention of Officer Shurtz. It is evident that the thief had placed it there in hiding, intending to return later for it, but fearing detection had delayed too long.—Port Allegany Argus.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hayes Heath of Eldred was in town last Friday.

A. M. Thimm returned from New York Saturday.

H. A. Boyd of Clermont had business at court this week.

Orlo J. Hamlin is in New York on business this week.

Charles W. Catlin of Port Allegany was in town Friday.

Miss Lucy Mitchell visited Bradford friends over Sunday.

Burgess E. L. Ryan of Kane has been in attendance at court this week.

Miss Katheryn Cassidy of Ormsby is visiting friends in town this week

Miss Bessie Heinemann of Colegrove visited Smethport friends this week.

Constable F. B. King of Ceres was a pleasant caller at this office Monday

Miss Doyle of Bradford was the guest of Mrs. Jennie Tracy the fore part of the week.

Mrs. E. E. Evarts of Buffalo is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Bouton on King street.

Aaron Holmes of Port Allegany was an agreeable caller at this office yesterday

J. M. Brown of Ceres township was a juror this week and made this office a pleasant call.

Editor B. G. Bartle of the Port Allegany Press was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nourse and two children of Shingle House were visitors in town this week.

Miss Jacobs, a professional nurse from Kane, is taking care of Mrs. M. R. Dutton of this place.

Dr. W. P. Moon of Coudersport was a business visitor in town yesterday and was a pleasant caller.

E. C. Cleveland, proprietor of the Brewer House at Mt. Jewett, served on the grand jury this week.

Sheldon Jewett of Custer City had business in town Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

Geo. Richardson of Port Allegany was doing jury duty this week and was an agreeable caller yesterday.

County Treasurer-elect A. W. Boyd and ex-Sheriff A. B. Walker of Bradford were pleasant callers at this office yesterday.

Editor A. D. Gould of the Eldred Eagle had business in court this week and was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Mrs. S. E. Bell has returned from Philadelphia where she was receiving medical treatment. Her health is much improved.

L. M. Strong of Morrison has been doing jury duty this week and was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Burg Chadwick and Commissioner A. M. Boardman left yesterday for Erie. Mr. Boardman will learn the mysteries of the "Mystic Shrine" before returning home.

A. N. Gillibridge of Port Allegany was in town last Friday. Mr. Gillibridge has suffered for several years with an affliction of the eyes which at times nearly blinds him, but he has confidence that under proper treatment his eyesight will be greatly improved.

Philip Hafner of Clermont was doing jury duty this week. In years gone by Mr. Hafner was one of the best woodsmen and most successful hunters in this country but now rheumatism has so crippled him that he is unable to enjoy the sport.

Held Up on Main Street.

Early Tuesday morning as John McCarty was going to his home on East street he was met by two men, knocked insensible and robbed.

As he was passing under the trees opposite A. W. Colegrove's house on Main street a man stepped out and spoke to him. Another came up behind him and struck him in the back of the head. When he regained consciousness he was minus coat, vest and overcoat and a two dollar bill which he had in his vest. The next day the clothing was found on Water street but the money was missing.

Mr. McCarty did not recognize either of the men who held him up and there is no clue which will lead to the arrest of these highwaymen. Whoever they were they undoubtedly expected to reap a large reward for their night's work.

A pretty piece or set of imported china always makes a beautiful Christmas gift. You can see the big line at the Big Store.

J. C. HAMLIN.

John Swan, the jeweler, is located with me and will be pleased to see his old customers and many new ones.

M. L. ARMSTRONG.

Anything in the line of Holiday crockery or hardware can be found at J. C. Hamlin's Big Store.

A handsome present is a piece of our nickel plated tableware at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

Court Proceedings.

The [illegible] with Judge [illegible] siding.

W. D. [illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible] M. [illegible] genes [illegible]

[illegible] guardian [illegible] Kane, [illegible] that he was [illegible] was read [illegible] he should [illegible]

H. W. Nelson of the [illegible] bar was admitted to practice in McKean county.

Charles H. [illegible] vs. [illegible] subpoena [illegible]

The cases of Commonwealth [illegible] King, assault and battery [illegible] vs. Carl [illegible] malicious mischief [illegible] vs. Bert E. [illegible] motion.

In the cases of [illegible] Dickinson [illegible] Griffin [illegible] in open court.

Com. vs. Oscar [illegible] of Kane, indecent exposure, guilty.

Com. vs. Chas. M[illegible] John Kinney, stealing [illegible] McKeown pleaded guilty [illegible] The case was tried [illegible] guilty.

Com. vs. Thomas [illegible] fornication and bastardy [illegible] was tried last [illegible] agreed. The [illegible] to that given at the last [illegible] Keenan appeared for [illegible] and J. W. Bouton assisted W. [illegible] in the prosecution. Mr. [illegible] speech to the jury, says the Bradford Era, was one of the [illegible] some time in this court. The jury was out about two hours [illegible] of guilty [illegible] costs of prosecution [illegible] Thompson [illegible] as trustee [illegible]

Com. vs. K[illegible] and detainer. [illegible] jury [illegible] H. [illegible]

Com. vs. W. F. [illegible] battery, not guilty [illegible]

Com. vs. F. H. [illegible] len and Frank [illegible] not guilty.

Com. vs. Fred R[illegible] bastardy, guilty.

Tuesday afternoon [illegible] Melvin [illegible] on Arthur J. McKeown [illegible] McKeown pleaded guilty at that time [illegible] of aggravated assault and [illegible] assault on his wife. Mr. [illegible] attorney for Mrs. McKeown, [illegible] the Court that McKeown [illegible] not been of such [illegible] last three months [illegible] McKeown being [illegible] Court, was sentenced [illegible] undergo imprisonment [illegible] the county [illegible] and pay the costs of prosecution. He was [illegible] led up.

The grand jury was discharged on Tuesday and court adjourned [illegible] afternoon.

Com. vs. Wm. Christy, found guilty of fornication and bastardy at [illegible] Sessions, was sentenced to pay a fine of $50, costs of prosecution, pay [illegible] $50 and [illegible] a week for [illegible]

Com. vs. Thos. Wharton, malicious mischief, indictment quashed.

Campbell-Breneman.

A very quiet home wedding took place here yesterday when Mr. [illegible] Campbell of Kane and Miss Jessie Breneman were united in the holy bonds by Rev. Lamb at the home of the bride's parents on the [illegible]. Mr. Campbell is well known in the town and is a prosperous young [illegible] and is to be congratulated on securing one of our most brilliant [illegible] as a life partner. The ceremony [illegible] 11 o'clock and after a sumptuous dinner the couple left for [illegible] Niagara Falls, where Mr. Campbell is employed, bearing with them the best wishes of a host of friends [illegible] Your correspondent [illegible] respondent to Mt. Jewett News.

An elegant line of nickel [illegible] at the Big Store. [illegible] requested to look over the stock.

J. C. HAMLIN.

See our line of Christmas goods. Come early and have your pick. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Now is the time to buy [illegible] blankets, [illegible] buy them.

Boys wanted—Enquire at the office of the Hanes Flint Bottle Works.

[illegible]

KNOX & KNOX

NEW SHOE STORE

EVERYTHING NEW

NEW GOODS.
NEW PRICES.
NEW STYLES.

BOOTS, SHOES & RUBBERS

FOR

MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.

Every Article bought for this season is [illegible] grade and first quality.

The Best of Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Agents for the genuine Lambertville Snag Proof [illegible]

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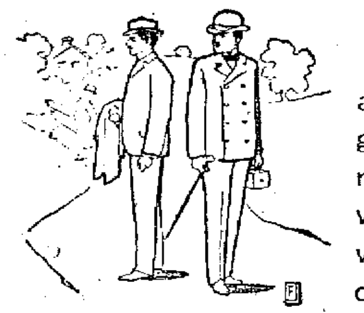

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We feel confident in inviting you to look over our line of Holiday Goods this season that you will find much to please you and consider your time well spent.

Gift making to be done to one's satisfaction requires a considerable amount of study and is very trying where stocks are meagre. Come here and let us help you with your list, here where there is abundance for both sexes, all ages and all dispositions.

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In novelties and things for gifts substantial we present exceptionally good offerings.

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An inspection of my stock will convince you that this is the best place in town to purchase Holiday Goods. . . . . .

MARY L. BISETT,

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For the Holiday Trade.

A cheerful call to Christmas buyers. My fine display of Holiday goods is opened and ready for inspection. The newest novelties. The best selections. The most appropriate presents for one and all at fairest prices. Diamonds in rings, pins, studs and sleeve buttons. Watches of all makes and sizes, Clocks, Jewelry and 1847 Roger Bros.' Silverware. Cut Glass and Sterling goods. A good assortment of badges of different orders. A fine line of optical goods.

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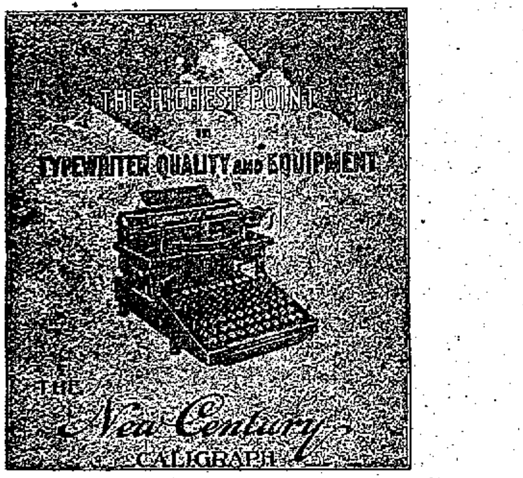

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Pay your subscription now.

—Only three more nights of the Catholic fair.

—See new ad of Willett S. Palmer in another column.

—The attendance at court this week was rather light.

—A party of Bradford people will spend the winter in Porto Rico.

—Saturday is the last day you can legally kill partridge and rabbit.

—The Weisert block was destroyed by fire at Coudersport last week. The loss was heavy.

—The Olean small-pox scare has subsided only to be succeeded by an epidemic of mad dogs.

—Bradford is making a bid for a large knitting factory which will employ between 300 and 400 hands.

—S. G. Southwick is a candidate for supervisor of Keating township. See announcement on second page.

—Mr. Gorman, deliveryman and clerk, Bradford. He is a student of Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—Jonathan Colegrove, who has been confined to the house for some time, is again attending to his duties in the store.

—Some of the so-called maple syrup being sold in this place would have a hard time passing the inspection of the pure food commissioner.

—The excursion over the Shawmut last Friday night was not well patronized. Perhaps the majority of Mt. Jewett people have heard Bob Taylor lecture before.

—Some residents of West Water street are complaining that their neighbors' chickens are a nuisance which cannot long be endured and interesting developments may follow.

—The freight business on the various railroads entering Smethport appears to be unusually heavy at present as train crews are busy night and day switching within the borough limits.

—On the afternoon and evening of Dec. 20 the ladies of the Baptist Aid Society will offer for sale fancy and useful articles at the chapel. Light refreshments will be served.

—Philadelphia physicians claim that over a million people have been vaccinated in that city without a single case where the patient has been injured. This will go a long way to prove that vaccination is not very dangerous.

—A charter has been granted to the Bradford Metal Stamping and Machine Co. Capital $20,000.

—Mr. Ragolsky is a clerk at Bradford. He is a student at Warner's Business college, Bradford, Pa.

—Carrie Reilly Clark & Co. are advertising a pre-inventory sale of millinery goods. This will interest the ladies.

—Prof. John Ballentyne of the Clarion Normal school, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday next.

—The new ad of Anderson & Carlson appears in another column. Anything in the line of footwear can be found at this store.

—The many friends of Attorney F. D. Gallup were pleased to see that he was able to attend the lecture last Friday evening and suffered no ill effects from the same.

—If John J. Tracy, a former resident of this borough, will make his whereabouts known to A. J. Connolly of Port Allegany he will learn something to his advantage.—Port Allegany Argus.

—The weekly dance at East Smethport was more than usually enjoyed by those in attendance last Friday evening. O. D. Bush has placed a new glass front in his hall where the dances are held.

—Letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Dec. 7, 1901: Miss Ethel Colegrove, Mrs. Fred Clark, George Houghteling, Eddie J. Kelly 2, Mrs. W. C. Ogilvie, Mrs. A. Smith, Frank Tompkins, John White.

—The recently completed gas well on Prospect hill, a short distance south of its highest point, is the subject of much comment. The rig is visible for miles in every direction and offers a tempting mark for wintry blasts which have a habit of blowing themselves around that section.

—If parents would exercise the proper care and attention as to the manner in which they rear their families there would be no need of passing a curfew law. It is unfortunate that there is no ordinance that would punish the criminal negligence of some parents.—Bradford Era.

—The regular mother's meeting will be held in the M. E. chapel Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 3 o'clock. These meetings are made very interesting and helpful to all mothers, especially to young mothers. Be sure and come and you will not want to miss one. Light refreshments will be served and a pleasant and profitable time assured. The members of the W. C. T. U. are requested to meet promptly at 2:30.

—Miss Chrystal Wormer was very pleasantly surprised by a party of her young friends last Thursday evening. Dancing and music were the principal pastimes and elegant refreshments were served. All passed an enjoyable evening.

—An exchange gives the following preventive for small-pox: For children, give the child fifteen grains of pure cream of tartar at night and morning; for an adult, dissolve an ounce of cream of tartar in sixteen ounces of water; take a tablespoon quantity three times a day.

—John Mundy of the Potter Enterprise requests all exchanges who wish him well to call him a foot-pad in preference to a bachelor and intimates that the frequent repetition of the latter title in the past has given him a case-hardened reputation with the girls that is becoming alarming.

—"Detective" William Rounseville of Potter county recently caused the arrest of Arthur Mohan of Wharton, charging him with the murder of Wm. Ayres, an old man, who was found dead at his home several years ago with two bullet holes in his head. Not enough evidence was found against Mohan to warrant holding him for the grand jury.

—Girls in Southern States are responding by thousands to an endless chain letter scheme, each one buying sixty cherry trees for $12 on the promise of $20 a month if she writes five letters a day to friends, offering the same proposition. The South Carolina papers denounce it "a scheme of scoundrels to defraud young women." It is compared to the Miller 120 per cent. swindle in New York.—Ex.

—A preliminary report on the glass industry of the United States for the census year of 1900, as compared with 1890, was published recently by the census bureau. The report places the number of establishments in the country at 355 and the value of products for the year at $56,539,712. The capital employed in the business amounted to $61,423,903 and the wage earners engaged to 52,818. The wages paid were $26,544,149 and the cost of materials used was $16,761,000. There was a gain of 37 per cent. in product over 1890 and of 49 per cent. in the capital invested.

East Smethport School Report.

ROLL OF HONOR, ROOM 3.

Pearl Schoonmaker, Alma Malen, Inza Sherburn, Gertrude Wendel, William Johnson, Emmett Oviatt, Dora Warshofsky, Kittie Oviatt, Lena Fisher, Bennie Oviatt, Clarence Johnson, Robert King, Lyol Bush.

Best spelling recitations by Alma Malen, Robert King, Gertrude Wendel and Emmet Oviatt.

ROOM 2.

Almond Thomas, Mary Warner, Sara Warshofsky, Alma Johnson, Rilla Smith, Molly Brougham.

Those standing above 90 per cent. for the month were Nellie Schoonmaker, Ermie Stilson, John O'Connor and Roy Thomas.

ROOM 1.

Iva Green, Cordy Wendel, Jennie Malen, Donald O'Connor, Esther Johnson, Earl Walker, Mamie Wendel, Helen Oviatt, Katie Paugh, Myra Sherburn, Florence Walker.

Teachers: Grammar Dept., Miss Chapin; Second Dept., Miss O'Connell; Primary Dept., Miss Mosher.

Learning the Game.

When that great plainsman J. B. Hickok, better known as "Wild Bill," came east on what he called a "redhot trail to learn something," he stopped one Saturday night at a hotel in Portland, Me.

When he went to his room to seek rest, he found that the adjoining room was occupied by a company of fashionable and rich young sports of Portland who, it did not take him long to discover, were playing an interesting game of poker for high stakes. In vain did he try to sleep. He could not do so, and after an hour arose, dressed himself and knocked on the door.

Instantly all was silent; but he inquired politely that as they would not let him sleep would they let him come in and watch the game?

They did so and were impressed with the appearance of the man and asked if he would join them.

"I will if you will post me; but, you know, I'm a tenderfoot east," he replied.

They were willing to "post" him, and, playing awkwardly, making blunders and asking questions, but seemingly greatly interested, he continued to play until daylight, when he put his winnings, some $1,500, in his pocket.

"I thank you, gentlemen," he said, "and I'm rather glad you would not let me sleep. I'll be here until tomorrow, so keep me awake some more."

But the players did not appear again.—Detroit Free Press.

EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE ONE.

A Handsome and Useful Calendar Presented to All Who Write.

As usual, that old established and popular banking house, the Pittsburgh Bank for savings of Pittsburgh, Pa., are on hand with a very attractive Calendar with which to greet the new year. It is executed in the best style of the engraver's and lithographer's art, no less than twelve colors, as well as embossing, being used to bring out its pretty effect. It will find great favor with all, especially women, not only on account of its beauty but its utility. Whether you have a Savings Account or not with this bank, you should write for one of these pretty calendars, and ask them to also send you their illustrated booklet on "Banking by Mail." Be sure and mention this paper when you write or you may not receive a calendar.

Origin of the Clearing House.

In 1775 the bankers of London rented a house in Lombard street and fitted it with tables and desks for the use of their clerks as a place where bills, notes, drafts and other commercial paper might be exchanged without the trouble of personal visits of employees to all the metropolitan banks. Transfer tickets were used, and by means of this simple plan transactions involving many millions were settled without a penny changing hands. The Bank of England and every other important bank in London are members of the Clearing House association. The first clearing house in the United States was established by the associated banks of New York in 1853.

Does Not Miss a Day from Work.

Perry Crisler of Mayfield, Kan., says: "I have had asthma so bad that I could not work or hardly lie down and rest, but since using Dr. Geo. Leininger's Formal-de-hyde Inhaler I have not missed a day from work, and have had no attack of asthma, and now when I lie down I rest and sleep well." Sold at 50c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

His Mistake.

"What curious mistakes men make sometimes! I've just been reading, for instance, that Columbus imagined that he had discovered the Indies."

"Ah, I made a worse mistake than that! When I married my wife, I thought I'd discovered paradise!"

Notice.

We are authorized to refund your money if you are not entirely pleased with the results of Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde cough cure, which is strongly recommended for the cure of consumption and all stubborn lung diseases.

J. W. VOORHEES.

Correspondence

LARABEE.

The Larabee Cornet band was invited to furnish the music for the night-cap social that was given for the benefit of Rev. Moore on Friday evening last. The boys enjoyed themselves very well and would have felt "real pert" in their new "kaliker" night-caps if they could have only been allowed partners, but owing to hard times and the scarcity of girls, the society concluded that it could not furnish both night-caps and supper to more than just the actual members of the band, and so they, perforce, sat demurely down to their bachelor repast of pork and beans.

Mrs Reuben Moses of Port Allegany was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Windsor, on Saturday last.

Mrs. Albert Rice and son, Raymond, visited at Grandpa Washburn's at Moody Hollow Friday and Saturday.

Fred Nourse, wife and children of Shingle House called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Windsor Sunday.

Mrs. Lou Harte of Hornellsville, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Almon Carpenter.

Mrs. Wm. Galutia of Eldred was calling on her many friends in town Saturday.

Justice E. S. Carpenter was transacting business at the county seat Monday.

Ezra Hakes of Hakes Hollow was in town enroute for the county seat Monday.

Chester Moody of Moody Hollow was in town Tuesday.

Chas. Taylor, Sr., of Turtle Point was in town Monday.

CORYVILLE.

The supper given by the Modern Woodmen of America of this place was a complete success. The receipts were $87.78, 2.5 tickets being sold. The lodge gave the ladies a vote of thanks for their help in preparing and serving the supper. Everybody said that they spent an enjoyable evening.

There seems to be plenty of bear meat around here this season.

The Sunday School is making preparations for a Christmas tree.

The gas companies of this place seem to be lacking in gas.

Change to Change a Quarter.

"How much does it take to change a quarter?" asked the bartender. "Twenty-five cents, eh? Not on your life. It takes seventy cents to do the trick. How many ways do you suppose a quarter dollar can be changed? Just exactly eleven. A fellow of limited means may like the jingle of coin in his clothes. In that event you can give him twenty-five pennies or twenty pennies and one nickel. He may like to have a little sprinkling of silver in his clothes, and you can accommodate him with fifteen pennies and a dime or ten pennies, a dime and a nickel.

"If he prefers to have change handy for a beer and a car fare, why, fifteen pennies and two nickels will fix him up, and if he wants a cigar in addition, besides having a little stock of cash in his jeans, give him ten pennies and three nickels. That makes six ways. Now, then, a fellow with a quarter can trade it off for five pennies and two dimes, five pennies and four nickels, two dimes and one nickel, one dime and three nickels or five nickels, just as he prefers. And to accommodate him in any way that he might select you have to possess twenty-five pennies, two dimes and five nickels—seventy cents in all."—Philadelphia Record.

Pound Foolishness.

One of the commonest forms of pound foolishness is countenanced by many high authorities. This is the purchase of certain household provisions in large quantities. Few writers on domestic topics fail to lay stress upon the economy of buying groceries in bulk. That sugar and flour, potatoes and apples should be bought by the half or whole barrel, cereals by the case, butter by the tub and other things in like proportion is one of the early precepts in the "Young Housekeeper's Complete Guide to Domestic Economy."

The ignorant young things buy the provisions first and the experience afterward. The flour grows musty, the cereals develop weevils, the potatoes and apples rot long before they can be eaten, and the cook exercises a lavishness in the use of the butter and sugar she would never show were they bought in such limited amounts that the housekeeper could hold close watch over them. Even after these events the young mistress feels as if she were absolutely reckless and no manager at all when she so far departs from household law as to buy food in small quantities.—Independent.

Loneliness and Health.

A medical journal has of late been discoursing on the indigestion of loneliness. By this title is meant to be indicated the disorders of digestion which are believed to follow the practice of taking one's meals in solitary state. The topic is by no means an uninteresting one. Thousands of men and women living alone are compelled to take their meals for the most part without company. Week in and week out they feed themselves without a soul to talk to, and the medical journal devotes its energies to showing that the practice is not one that is likely to be conducive to digestion, to proper bodily nourishment or to health. The solitary man soon tires of merely eating, and, if he is not of a literary turn of mind, his tendency is to hurry through his meals to escape from his loneliness into the society of his fellow men. Herein, it is held, lies a danger to health.

Discovery of Coal In Wales.

During the reign of Henry VIII many attempts were made to discover coal in north Wales, and a Shrewsbury man, named Richard Gardner, was the only person who succeeded. The old records read: "He attemptyd and put into proofe to fynde out coles about the town (Shrewsbury) in soundry places, and in one place especiall called Ione the Hayes, hard by the sayd towne, he found by his great dyligence and travell great store of see coles, the which is lyke to come much commoditie to the riche and poore, that he is not only worthy of commendacon and remembrance, but also to be had in remembrance for ever."—Cardiff Western Mail.

Brain-Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at H. C. Wells' drug store. Get Green's special almanac.

Call at H. C. Wells' drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are an elegant physic. They also improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion and regulate the liver and bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

THE STRANGER AND THE PRINCESS

By SEWARD W. HOPKINS.

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way of going by stealth.

In this room he and his son had crept after the unsuspecting Buckford was asleep and had drugged him heavily.

They had then proceeded to rifle his clothes, till, having found his purse, they had taken it, leaving him in his stupor while they thought of a way to either explain his loss satisfactorily or kill him if he made any fuss.

They had given him more of the deadly stuff than they intended, and he had slept all that night and all day.

But as has already been seen, Buckford had a constitution of iron and rallied from attacks that would kill ordinary men.

He rallied from the effect of the drug, at first slowly, with a bewildering sense of trying to recall where he was. Gradually his senses came back to him, and he remembered the inn at Outro.

He felt somewhat ill, the natural effect of taking into his lungs the fumes of a stupefying drug.

He lay on his bed expecting some one to come to him. He knew that in any inn any well regulated inn—when a guest slept too long there would be an investigation.

But the hours passed and no one came.

Buckford had a feeling as if he had been ill a long time. He knew that one day had elapsed since he came there, but knew not how many more.

The longer he lay there the better he felt. The strength was returning to his limbs.

He did not even feel the pangs of hunger.

He at last got out of bed and went to the door to call some one. He found it locked.

There was another door on another side of the room. He opened that. It led into a space now evidently used as a closet, but from which, on the opposite side, another door led somewhere. This he tried, but could do nothing save push, as there was neither knob nor latch.

While he was in the closet he heard voices.

"The fellow is the very devil for escaping," said a voice. "First he eludes us at Paris, then at Strassburg and now at Outro. It is a pity old Robard did not hold him. That 5,000 francs would pay for the trouble."

Buckford's heart beat rapidly. He recognized the voice of Vandal.

"Has he gone to Trolle as a peddler?" asked Reber. "This is a strange game. Why did he sell the gown to that woman?"

"Oh, to get money to buy the horse, I suppose. But that was a gay story about his stealing diamonds and 12,000 francs. Well, I had to say something. Three of us would not chase across all Europe for 1,000 francs."

Buckford, panting in the closet, wondered what it all meant. Evidently they were under the impression that he had gone on toward Trolle. They had also been told that he had sold the woman the gown when he had presented it to her.

These things, together with his strange sensation of illness, made him suspicious. He stepped quickly back to his room and felt for his purse. It was gone.

"Ah!" he said bitterly. "I have fallen among thieves again. This rascal of an innkeeper has robbed me. Now, how shall I get out of this scrape with no money and my enemies in the very house?"

He crept back to the closet.

The three pursuers of the thief who stole so much wealth had been given two connecting rooms. Reber and Robello occupied one, and Vandal was alone in the other. Their conversation, carried on while they were preparing for bed, was necessarily a little loud. Buckford heard it easily.

"How far is Trolle from here?" Robello was asking. "When will he arrive there?"

"How old is a goose? It all depends on the horse the innkeeper sold him. If it was a good one, he can do it in two days."

"Two days! And we are a day behind him."

"Well, we will get the best horses to be had and try to overtake him. I saw some horses in the stable today, not handsome beasts, but strong, and they looked speedy."

"The stable! Did you find a stable? This inn is the only stable I saw."

"Well, there is a stable for horses in the rear."

The conversation now ceased, and Buckford went back to his room. He was now in a thrill of excitement. He had lost his sense of illness. His mind was alert and quick. His eagerness to find a way to escape had overcome the effect of the drug.

He had taken off his clothes before retiring and now dressed himself. He then made an examination of his room. He remembered that the window looked out toward a large building, for he had seen it at the twilight hour when he had entered. This must be the stable spoken of by Vandal. He next cautiously opened the window, making as little noise as possible.

It was a dark night, there being no moon and but few stars to be seen. The great peak of the bare rose like a black mountain a short distance away.

He knew that he was on the ground floor of the inn. There seemed to be the roof of a shed under him.

He was about to let himself down from the window when a key turned in the lock of his door, and he heard the voices of Robard and his son.

At the same moment he heard the roistering voices of three or four half drunken fellows under his window.

He was caught between two forces. To drop from the window at that moment was to drop into their hands. Robard would at once call out, and he would be taken.

While he was debating what to do Robard and his son entered.

"Ah, my friend, you have slept long," said Robard. "We feared you were ill."

"No, I was only very weary," said Buckford.

The younger Robard carried a lamp. By the light of this Buckford saw a knife sticking from the pocket of the elder rascal's coat.

With a leap like that of a panther, he was on the old man and tore the knife from the pocket. In another instant its point had found a soft spot between the robber's ribs.

Then, with a blow from his fist that sent the younger Robard reeling and the lamp flying against the wall, Buckford ran to the window and leaped to the roof of the shed below. From this he jumped down to the ground and came plump upon the roistering party of four, who were startled at this sudden alighting of a rare bird among them.

"Ho, ho! What's this? A robber! Call Robard! Call Robard! Seize this fellow! Hold him till Robard comes!"

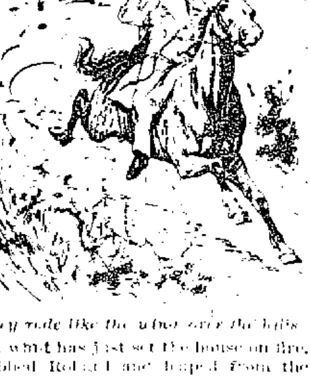
"Fools!" cried Buckford as he saw the window of his room lighted with a red glare. "I am a guest of the inn. My lamp upset and the house took fire. This was the only escape. Do you see?"

"Fire! fire! Robard's inn is on fire!" they shouted, and, sobered by the terrible catastrophe, they released Buckford and ran to the front of the building to give an alarm.

"Fire! fire!" Buckford could hear the alarm ringing from one end of the house to the other.

Then from the window of the room he had left came screams and yells of wild rage and despair.

"Murder! Robbery! He has gone! After him, you Frenchmen! The thief



They rode like the wind over the hills.

you wish has just set the house on fire, stabbed Robard and leaped from the window! After him!"

Buckford ran as he had never run before. He found an easy entrance to the stable. Every employee who slept in or near the stable had rushed to the inn to fight the fire. He had no time to select a horse. He took the one nearest the door. Without saddle or bridle he led it forth, leaped upon its back, and as the glare from the burning building sent a gleam of light around him he dashed away, followed by the hoarse cries of rage and the pistol shots of the enraged Frenchmen and Robard's son.

Vandal, quick to grasp this opportunity, left the Robards to fight their own fire and, calling Reber and Robello to run to the stable and get out horses.

"This time that rascal's life!" he growled. "This time, by heaven, I'll kill him!"

The three mounted much as Buckford was, dashed after him.

Buckford had probably three to five minutes' start, and that start had carried him out of the sight of his pursuers. But they could hear the sullen pounding of his horse's hoofs on the hard road. They followed the sound.

It was not long before Outro and its burning inn were left far behind. Mile after mile the horses carried their angry riders. Buckford, fleeing for his life, spared not his horse. The others, less skilled horsemen, bobbed and pounded painfully on the bare backs, but clung to the flying steeds with a tenacity that showed how eager they were to overtake and finish this American who balked them at every step.

Vandal alone controlled his horse. The others merely clung round their horses' necks and let the beasts follow in stampede the leader ridden by Vandal.

They went through little villages, all peacefully asleep. They rode like the wind through farming regions, through valleys and over hills till their overridden beasts nearly fell to the ground.

And now at last it was simply a question of the staying qualities of the horses. Had Buckford in his quick selection of the nearest horse to the door obtained a good one, or had the others, taking horses from more protected places, chanced to get hold of animals of better speed or less weariness than the one he rode?

Buckford's horse was showing signs of exhaustion. He had hoped to gain enough headway to escape from his horse and find a hiding place. But instead the steady and thunderous hoof beats of the pursuing horses grew louder and nearer.

He was now in a rough and hilly country. The road was bad, and the weary horse stumbled constantly.

A pistol shot rang out behind him. The Frenchmen were near enough to shoot at him.

He knew that cruelty would not make his horse go faster.

Before him rose trees that obscured the way. He could not see the ground ten feet from his horse.

Three pistol shots rang out together. With a cry almost like that of a human being his horse dropped to the road.

For an instant he himself was conscious of a stinging sensation in the side. But this was lost in a greater shock as his horse, as he fell, sent the rider headlong from his back over the brink of a yawning ravine along which the rough country road had been laid.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Longevity of Irish Peasants.

It is curious to notice the great number of centenarians whose deaths are recorded in the official returns of Irish rural districts. As an instance of the longevity of the Irish peasant it may be pointed out that the death of persons upward of sixty years of age registered in Connaught last year amounted to over 50 per cent. of the entire deaths of the province.

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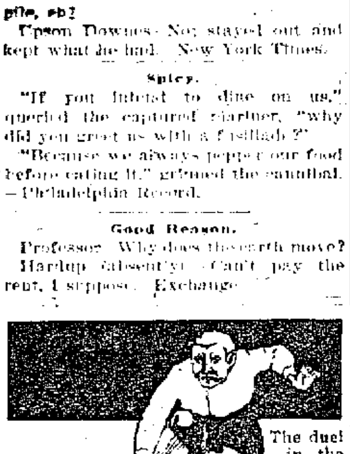
"Because we always pepper our food before eating it," grinned the cannibal.—Philadelphia Record.

Good Reason.

Professor—Why does the earth move?

Hardup (absently)—Can't pay the rent, I suppose.—Exchange.



The duel in the dark was a favorite with duelists. Two men were locked in a dark room and crawled stealthily from corner to corner, until some false step made one of them the target for bullet or blade.

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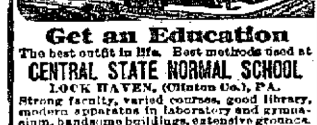

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BUFFALO AND ALLEGHENY VALLEY DIVISION.

Time Table—Taking effect Nov. 24, 1901

TRAINS LEAVE SMETHPORT.

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:14 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 2:32 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 2:32 p. m. connects at Olean with Chautauqua Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg

For Clermont

Train 122, weekdays,	10.59 a. m.
Train 1[illegible], weekdays,	7.57 p. m.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south.

Train 121, weekdays,	9.14 a. m.
Train 123, weekdays,	2.32 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8.18 a. m.—Train 12, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

12:25 p. m.—Train 8, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 7:30 p. m., Washington 8:35 p. m. Vestibuled parlor cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

4:13 p. m.—Train 6, daily, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:30 a. m., Baltimore 2:30 a. m., Washington 4:05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

10:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 7:22 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m. week days (10.38 a. m. Sundays), Baltimore 7:15 a. m., Washington 8:30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

1.51 a. m.—Train 14, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:22 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., weekdays (10:38 a. m. Sundays), Baltimore 7:15 a. m., Washington 8:30 a. m. Vestibuled Buffet sleeping cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

WESTWARD.

5:19 a. m.—Train 9, daily, for Erie, Ridgway and weekdays DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6:20 p. m.—Train 61, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

Weekdays

NORTH	STATIONS	SOUTH
A. M. Lv.		Ar. P. M.
9.40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9.56	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10.11	Croth Haze[illegible]	[illegible]
10.20	Straight	[illegible]
10.25	Glen Hazel?	[illegible]
10.51	[illegible] Run	[illegible]
10.58	Wilcox	[illegible]
11.45	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 6, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:58 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:55 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 200, leaving Ridgway at 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Pass'r Agent.

B. B. & K. RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Eastern Standard Time.

IN EFFECT NOV. 17, 1901.

SOUTHBOUND.

STATIONS	1	3	5	7	19
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Bradford Leave	7 40	10 15	1 30	4 05	
Kinzua Junc.	8 15	10 50	2 05	4 40	
Aiken	8 20	10 55	2 10	4 45	
Davis	8 25	11 00	2 15	4 50	
Simpson	8 31	11 06	2 21	4 56	
Ormsby	8 40	11 15	2 30	5 05	
Smethport Ar	9 05	11 45	2 55	5 30	
Lv	8 10	10 40	1 55	4 30	
Mt. Jewett	9 10	11 45	3 00	5 35	
Kane Ar	9 45	12 20	3 35	6 10	
Lv	9 45		4 30		
Nansen	10 18		5 07		
Sheffield June	10 38		5 30		
Marienville	11 20		6 15		
Tylersburg	12 00		6 56		
Lucinda	12 15		7 11		
West Clarion	12 40		7 35		6 00
Clarion June	12 45		7 38		6 02
Shippenville	1 00		7 53		6 19
Knox	1 16		8 13		6 32
St. Petersburg	1 37		8 54		7 16
Foxburg	2 10		9 08		7 30
Parker	2 25				7 40
Petrolia	2 52				8 07
Chicora	3 10				8 25
Butler	4 00				9 20
Callery June	4 25				9 45
Allegheny Ar	5 30				10 45
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHBOUND

STATIONS	2	4	6	8	20
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Allegheny Lv				7 30	3 20
Callery June				8 30	4 28
Butler				9 30	5 15
Chicora				10 10	5 54
Petrolia				10 28	6 13
Parker				10 55	6 40
Foxburg		4 25		11 15	7 00
St. Petersburg		4 50		11 30	7 15
Knox		5 35		12 15	8 00
Shippenville		5 52		12 32	8 16
Clarion June		6 04		12 45	8 30
West Clarion		6 06		12 48	8 33
Lucinda		6 30		1 15	
Tylersburg		6 45		1 34	
Marienville		7 32		2 15	
Sheffield June		8 17		3 00	
Nansen		8 37		3 20	
Kane Ar		9 15		3 55	
Lv	7 35	10 10	1 25	4 00	
Mt. Jewett	8 10	10 45	2 00	4 35	
Ormsby	8 40	11 15	2 30	5 05	
Smethport Ar	9 05	11 45	2 55	5 30	
Lv	8 10	10 40	1 55	4 30	
Simpson	8 49	11 24	2 39	5 14	
Davis	8 55	11 30	2 45	5 20	
Aiken	9 00	11 35	2 50	5 25	
Kinzua June	9 05	11 40	2 55	5 30	
Bradford Ar	9 40	12 10	3 25	6 10	
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Trains 2 and 7 run daily between Bradford, Smethport and Kane. All other trains daily except Sunday.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen. Pass. Agent.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. 14. Passenger Train Schedule Effective Saturday, Aug. 3, 1901.

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
5.00	1.10	8.10	lv. Mt. Jewett ar.	8.00	12.30	4.30
5.21	1.50	8.31	Hazelhurst	7.39	12.07	4.08
5.29	2.05	8.37	f Marvindale	7.29	11.40	4.19
5.32	2.10	8.40	f [illegible]	7.26	11.30	4.15
5.37	2.17	8.41	f [illegible]	7.18	11.18	4.08
5.54	2.30	8.55 9.14	Smethport	7.10 7.15	11.10	4.00
6.07	2.43	9.27	f Farmers Valley	7.03	10.58	3.46
6.14	2.49	9.34	Coryville	6.56	10.51	3.31
6.20	2.55	9.40	Larabee	6.50	10.45	3.15

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

SOUTHWARD Read down			STATIONS & SIDINGS	NORTHWARD Read up	
PM	AM			PM	AM
7.40	11.30		Clermont	7.00	8.55
7.79	11.52		Wehendorf	6.38	8.17
8.12	12.06		Whitwood	6.40	[illegible]
8.22	12.19		North Fork	6.28	7.55
8.29	12.26		Bear Run	6.26	7.47
		AM			PM
8.47	12.50	7.38	St. Marys	4.60	[illegible]
9.07	2.50			4.12	[illegible]
	2.57	7.40	Kaul	11.00	6.45
	3.17	8.03	Paine	10.34	6.30
	3.21	8.38	Kersey	10.30	6.14
	4.01	8.46	Elbon	9.59	6.44
	4.15	8.50	Hyde	9.55	[illegible]
AM	AM				AM
	6.25		St Marys	[illegible]	
5.05	6.30		Paine	5.42	[illegible]
5.37	7.00		Byrne	[illegible]	7.30
5.41	7.05		Weedville	5.05	7.25

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f—Flag station.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taking effect Monday, March 18, 1901.

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† Flag station. ‡ Trains do not stop. [illegible]

Connections at Ulysses with N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.; at Port Allegany with W. N. Y. & P. R. R., and at Newfield Junction with B. & S. R. R.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

A. MCLURE, Supt.

Kushequa Route.

In Effect May 5, 1901.

Leave Newton for Smethport 8.55 a. m., 12.45 p. m., 5.55 p. m.

Arrive Smethport 9.40 a. m., [illegible] p. m., 7.22 p. m.

Leave Smethport for Mt. Jewett 7.55 a. m., 12.00 m., 5.00 p. m.

Arrive Mt. Jewett 8.40 a. m., 1.00 p. m., 7.10 p. m.

Leave Mt. Jewett for Smethport 8.05 a. m., 11.00 a. m., 2.40 p. m., [illegible] p. m.

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